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SUBJECT: INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGE

REF: KABUL 3266

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD
TO PRESIDENT DAUD, ON OR BEFORE MAY 27:

+ *MOHAMMAD*
QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: ON THE OCCASION OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE REGAINING OF AFGHAN INDEPENDENCE, I EXTEND WARM FELICITATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN OUR OWN BICENTENNIAL YEAR OF INDEPENDENCE. WE KNOW THE AFGHAN PEOPLE TAKE SPECIAL PRIDE IN THEIR CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE ON THIS DAY, AND IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO ASSOCIATE OUR BEST WISHES WITH THAT PROUD ACCOMPLISHMENT. MAY THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR NATIONS CONTINUE AND GROW IN THE FUTURE. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

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